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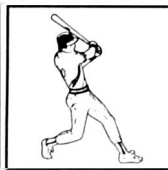
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The student newspaper of Southwestern Oklahoma State University

Committee needs your input on 'State of Union'

By STEVEN McLEMORE/EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Southwestern officials are currently forming an exploratory evaluation of the campus Student Union. Opinions from all students and campus personnel are welcome.

No decisions on possible construction have been made yet. According to Dr. Joe Anna Hibler, President of Southwestern, this union planning is in the very beginning stages.

"We're looking for suggestions from students and union-users. All we're doing at this point is trying to generate ideas and suggestions. Once we have some ideas for different

needs, we can talk to an architect," she said.

The committee is being headed by Dr. David Ralph, assistant dean of the Pharmacy school, and contains many faculty members and students.

The cause for the possible construction talk is that the union has asbestos in it. Dr. Hibler said that no one is at risk, but the school will need to take it out and when it is done, the entire union will be shut down. She added that since it will already be closed, possible renovations could be done.

More information on the fate of the Student Union will be in next week's issue of *The Southwestern*.

Four years later: OKC bombing still remembered

By MINDI BOND/NEWS REPORTER

Early in the morning on April 19, 1995, many Oklahomans were taking part in their daily activities when life as they knew it was altered drastically. At 9:02a.m. the Alfred P. Murrah Building was destroyed by a massive blast from a bomb explosion.

Within minutes all the local fire departments and rescue teams were on hand working hard to rescue as many as possible. News teams and reporters ran wild all over downtown, attempting to gather any facts they could. Faces of fictims being pulled from the rubble and the ashes still settling were plastered on every television station.

This unexpected tragedy stole 168 Oklahoman children and adults, left hundreds injured and left America feeling that all the security it once had believed in had diminished within minutes.

However, despite the tremendous

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Isaac Williams, a senior from Edmond, beats the throw back to first in last weeks home games against Southern Nazarene University. The Bulldog baseball team won the game 1-0. The 'Dawgs will play their last home game of the year Saturday at 1 p.m. against East Central at Rankin Williams field.

PHOTO BY STEVEN McLEMORE

In my opinion

Last week's letters to the editor were prime examples that students have the right to exercise free speech. Recently I received several comments about the letters and other material featured in *The Southwestern*. Some enjoyed the comments, but others thought these letters were a reflection of an "increasingly negative tone" which they say, has worked its way into our university's newspaper.

For some points on both sides, I agree; however, my hope is that most people do not believe everything they read as something meant to be gospel truth. Furthermore, when issues are never brought up, opinions may not even be formed; a society that stifles this process is called communistic. Likewise, free speech is an issue that is completely subjective and wide open to change. In fact, students on campus can promote that change by getting involved!

Now, I'm not saying that massive amounts of time should be poured into efforts to revolutionize the university. What I mean is that a simple letter, even without all the fireworks of fancy words or explosive punch lines can bring a thought, a response or an idea across with flying colors. Thus, those who feel the paper has become negative should let us know about the campus on a positive note.

Students who want to write in need not feel like they don't write well enough to express their opinion. They shouldn't fret over what other people may think, because even if they disagree, they are entitled to. If you are not willing to help change the things you don't like, don't gripe about them.

Likewise, all students should feel comfortable with letting the publications department know how they feel concerning any issue. The only criterion *The Southwestern* has concerning letters is that they be submitted in hard copy form as well as saved to disk. We also request that taste and tact be considered when airing an opinion.

Students should take opinions with a grain of salt. Likewise, let's enjoy our freedom and respond to issues with thought by keeping the standards we uphold, learning from the standards others profess and throwing out the rest. With that attitude something, sometime might catch us off guard, make us think and learn from one another, and maybe even change our minds.

-Amanda Madden

(Editor's Note: *THE SOUTHWESTERN* encourages letters from students but certain guidelines must be followed: typed, saved to disk, have some relevant purpose to the campus, meet length guidelines and be in by Thursdays at 1 p.m. If these are not followed, the letter will not be printed.)

by Mark Parisi

off the mark



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My Real World

by Steven McLemore

Do you smell what the Rock is cookin'?

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, children of all ages; the World Wrestling Federation and Southwestern Oklahoma State University are proud to bring to you it's TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS OF THE WORLD..... the Mad Dog Steven McLemore and

Okay, so maybe that wouldn't happen, but who says it isn't nice to dream? And haven't we all dreamed of that?

Wait a minute. Let's clear this up right now. It is perfectly okay for guys (and girls) to watch professional wrestling. I know that a bunch of you are rolling your eyes right now, but hold on a minute. Don't judge anyone because he or she likes to watch grown men (and Chyna...especially Chyna) beat each other up. It's perfectly healthy.

I grew up watching it and I plan to grow old watching it. What else on TV, in two hours, provides drama, fights, blood,

religion, vampires, bleached blondes, family feuds, Stone Cold and the New Age Outlaws?

First, let's knock out a few of the rumors that fly around about professional wrestling.

It is fake. We know it. We accept it. And you know what? We still watch it.

It's stupid. So what? Like most of the other programming on TV isn't stupid? Professional wrestling provides an opportunity to see the cultures of the world and encourages creativity. Most of the signs in the stadiums and arenas are quite clever. I always wanted to know how to insult someone from other perspectives.

It encourages violence. I say it does quite the opposite. After a long day of class and work, I look forward to relaxing in front of the TV and watching two solid hours of Raw. It calms me down. Something about seeing other people hit each other makes me feel less angry. And by looking at their problems, I don't feel so bad.

I can't even remember the last time my family was being stalked by a 6'10" guy who says he's like a demon and has a cult following him and then some bald guy from Texas slashed my jumbotron and my son slaps me and turns on me all while that cemetery guy is trying to sacrifice my daughter.

The world is a better place because of professional wrestling.

And if you're not down with professional wrestling, I've got two words for you.

My prayer for the soldiers

For as long as I remember I have had an opinion on war and violence. I believed in a clear cut case of right and wrong. I never thought that anything would cause that to change. It's amazing how quickly your point of view changes when you become personally involved.

I now am looking at this war in Europe, excuse me, conflict from an entirely different perspective. By the time of this publication, my brother should be arriving in Bosnia. Even though he is the age of many of the students here at Southwestern, I still think of him as my baby brother, the little guy that followed me around, and needed my protection.

Now he will be a part of protecting something greater than any of us can imagine: Hope. Hope for the future of humanity, and those who have been oppressed.

I understand that right now the men and women currently involved in these battles are defending hope as soldiers, and that we must respect them for that. But we must also remember them for what they really are: brothers, sisters, husbands, wives, children, grandchildren, parents and friends, each with his or her own story- stories that many times remain untold.

Each man or woman serving his or her country has family here feeling the same way that I do. All we can do is sit anxiously waiting for any news, hoping for the best and praying for an end. The small tidbits of information provided by the media are the only source of hope for us all.

Take a look at those around you today in your classes. No doubt you will see many like yourself, happy, involved, normal

Word of Mouth

by Patricia Cook



students. Those you see here at Southwestern are no different than the faces that are dealing with the hardships and cruelty of the situations in Kosovo. Consider this fact when you decide how you feel about our involvement in this mess.

I believe in human rights for all. I don't feel that anything or anyone should stand in the way of those rights. I know that it is inevitable that the United States must be involved in the evergrowing conflicts in Europe. If not, who will? But I simply wish that it did not have to be that way.

I am not an overly-religious person, but I do think that it is time for these problems to be turned over to a higher power. I would like to share with you the words of a song by Chris Rhodes. I send this thought out to President Milosovic, all of the refugees of Kosovo, United States military leaders, all of the men and women serving our country and most of all, my brother Phillip:

Outside my window it's dark, is it dark where you are?

I don't know a number how can I call?

There's a dull ache in my heart, does it hurt where you are?

So far away, can I do nothing at all?

I lift a prayer for you tonight, don't know where you are or what you are feeling or thinking,

I lift a prayer that it will be alright, I just want you to be okay, so I pray.

'Bombing'

devastation the Oklahoma City bombing left upon the State as well as the nation, American people somehow pulled together and turned the nightmare into a barable event that provoked compassion and selflessness to spring forth from everyone around.

Now, four years later, we still see the effect of the Murrah Building bombing. While McVeigh remains jailed, and many families have gaps that will never be filled, there are positive effects of the bombing taking place.

Monday was the four-year anniversary of the bombing. Many Americans from across the nation gathered together at the Murrah Federal Building site to pay their respects to those who lost their lives in the bombing.

Southwestern students have not forgotten about the tragedy. Some students attended the memorial services on Monday, while others took a moment to remember.

Shay Mease, a freshman business major from Mustang remembers April 19.

■ From the Mailbox

Reader defends housing director

Before you pass judgment on the new housing director, I would like to point out a few things to consider. You are in college now, so I think you should be mature enough to take a step back and look at the whole picture. The personal attacks on Marvin Schoenecke's character by Denis Pellerin are unsubstantiated.

I currently reside on campus, subsequently I have had the opportunity to talk with the housing director on many occasions. Whether I was complaining or asking a question, my concerns were handled in a very professional and caring manner. Please do not be blinded by the slander imposed by unappeasable students.

I would like to address, Mr. Pellerin's attack on Mr. Schoenecke. A little common sense is in order. Let's take a look into the supposedly illegal seizure of property. Students were aware of the exterminators visit well in advance. As you are likely aware, when someone like an exterminator visits campus dorms he is accompanied by SWOSU employees, usually the housing director himself. This is not a new policy. Mr. Hoffman accompanied the exterminator as well. Whether or not Mr. Hoffman chose to look the other way is not the issue. Therefore, Mr. Schoenecke was not out of line. He was simply doing his job. I assure you he did not go searching through your personal belongings to find illegal items. I tend to believe the housing director and other authorities and not disgruntled students. Students are given a handbook of the rules. This whole ordeal sounds to me like a few students are whining because they were caught breaking the rules. Contrary to popular belief RULES ARE NOT MEANT TO BE BROKEN. Although people are not perfect and will continue to break the rules until the end of time, we should at least not complain when caught. Just because someone was caught with alcohol containers and road signs does not make them an evil person, I am not attacking them. I would like to point out Mr. Pellerin sources, and I quote, "I know people who know people, and those people told me that it was true that....." why don't you just simply say, "RUMOR HAS IT." Again, I am urging students to use their intelligence, do not take my

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"It was horrible that it happened to the people of Oklahoma. It was really scary to me personally because it was so close to home. It didn't have any huge effect on me personally because I didn't lose any family members and none of my friends' families were involved, but it was horrible since it was so close. You never think it will happen to you," Mease said.

Lloyd Phillips, freshman from Locust Grove, Oklahoma recalls that fateful day.

"I was in Oklahoma City when it happened. My school was on a feild trip to a Technology Students Association event. We were at the hotel when it happened. The windows started shaking and you could feel the ground shaking. I didn't know what it was. I thought maybe it was a mini earthquake or something. It really scared everyone. I think of that day everytime I go home because they have a memorial set up just off the turnpike by Tulsa. It has 168 trees planted in honor of the victims." said Phillips.

word nor Mr. Pellerin word (nor rumor) to come up with an opinion. Read between the lines, or better yet, go visit with Mr. Schoenecke and express any concerns diplomatically and allow him to give you feedback.

The next item to address would be the Resident Advisors having to re-apply for their jobs. Mr. Pellerin stated that he would like to see Mr. Schoenecke rant and rave if his superiors made him re-apply for his job. I guess I'll be the first to inform you that Mr. Schoenecke had to re-apply for his job in February, but he did not rant and rave. It has not officially been stated that the housing director's intent is to clean up the act of the RA's, maybe it should be. Most students are well aware of RA's who break the rules, and are frequent guest of parties with alcohol thrown on campus. However, there are RA's who do their job and do it well. Has the thought occurred to you that maybe you're not best suited for a position like a RA? I urge you to think before you answer, Mr. Pellerin. Remember the duties of RA's. You seem more prone to break rules than to make sure they are followed. My guess is you will not get the job next semester either; move on.

I noticed, Mr. Pellerin, that you attacked those that do not have your values or belief, and commend those that share your views. You're the real narrow-minded fascist here. Hopefully this will not be the first times someone has told you people are different and their values are not always going to be the same as yours. Personally, I believe people should abstain but I am not telling anyone they have to nor do I reject those that do not. People are of all makes and models and I understand that they all don't possess my views. I do not know Chip Diffendafer and Katy Ball, but I commend them on standing up for what they believe. Your attack on them is unwarranted and totally inappropriate. If you're old enough and mature enough (as many student will tell you they are), to have sex, then getting condoms is your responsibility. It is SWOSU's top priority to provide students with an education and not contraceptive devices. Go to Wal-Mart and buy them like an adult, or go to the nurses station and they will provide them to you FREE! People are entitled to their own viewpoint on this issue.

■ *From the Mailbox* More, more opinions from Southwestern students

I would like to personally congratulate Kay Robinson and Terri Kreizenbeck on recently learning to read. It is an asset you will treasure for the rest of your life. I promise. I say "recently" because you obviously didn't read Mr. Pellerin's first letter regarding the situation in the dorms. This letter was a rational complaint about things he felt needed to be changed with on-campus housing. He obviously received no response and his anger intensified. As aggressive as his latest letter was, some of his points are quite valid. And he has the right to make them. After all, this is his home. Where do you live, Miss Robinson?

Miss Robinson, do you have to re-apply for your job every year? Do the people who work in the library or business office have to re-apply every year? Maybe they do. I don't know. I do know that in most jobs one is merely fired when one is found to be incompetent. It seems to be a relatively common practice. And this seems fair to me.

As far as room searches go, page five of the 1998-1999 Residence Halls Handbook, #33 says, "Room Searches: by the R.A. are not allowed unless the resident gives his or her permission." It doesn't take a brain surgeon to read the student handbook, Miss Kreizenbeck.

Regarding Chip Diffendaffer's campaign: I find it difficult to take a "100% abstinence" person seriously when his first decision in the student government is to present a film glorifying excessive drinking and teenage promiscuity to the entire student body.

-Tina C. Phebus

(Editor's Note: In all fairness, the decision by SGA to bring in "Varsity Blues" was made before Mr. Diffendaffer was in office. The members of SGA voted. No one person made the decision.)

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Going off to college allows a young person to branch out and try life without being under their parent's thumb, but an EDUCATION should be a student's main focus. One of the blunt truths a student learns quickly is that there are rules in all walks of life. No matter where you go rules will apply. Many students are here to get an education. If there were no rules in the dorms, when would these students have the peace and rest they need and are entitled to? Attendance policies are something to get used to, whether you like them or not. They are enforced in grade school, college, and yes, even in the career of your choice.

The idea of students choosing the housing director is absolutely preposterous! I regret to inform you, you're not qualified. That is unless, of course, you have experience and the proper degree.

I am not a perfect person, sometimes I can be very opinionated. Up 'til now I have shown Mr. Pellerin the respect every human being deserves, but his letter just enticed me too much. So forgive me. I just have to know, Mr. Pellerin, do you know the difference between an encyclopedia and a dictionary? Okay so that was a cheap shot, but you deserved it after your attack on so many people. Hang in there Mr. Schoenecke, I think you're doing a great job.

-Denise Case

I'd like to start off by saying how much I agree with Mr. McLemore. Everyone has the right to their own opinions and the right to express them. Which, as Steven said, is clearly stated in the First Amendment of our Constitution

In response to Ms. Kreizenbeck's article—as far as Mr. Pellerin getting a Christmas present with a "note announcing his dismissal from Southwestern," should not happen. He cannot get kicked out of school just for voicing his opinion. If that was the case, anyone who wrote an article to the paper or anyone who was asked their *opinion* on a national crisis, such as the one in Kosovo, should be kicked out, including myself.

Everywhere you look someone is voicing his or her opinion. If we are not allowed to let our voices be heard, then why did countless soldiers lose their lives for this country? That is why they fought—to keep this country free from someone telling us what we as humans can and cannot do or say.

Also, about curfew times. Yes, maybe you would not want to wake up to your roommate's boyfriend's face, but that is something that should be taken care of between two roommates. But I for one do not like being told when I have to be in my room.

We were told as high-school students that when we got into college, we would be taking on new responsibilities and taking our lives to a new level.

I did not expect to have a mother while I was here. That is one major reason I left home. If they want to lock the doors, fine, but let us use the side-door with the code and not get into trouble for doing so.

I love going to school here as much as the next person, but there are problems that need to be addressed (but that is a whole other letter), and anyone who is too blind or narrow-minded to see that (students and administration) needs to wake up.


-Melody Kuehn

Bulldog Bucks

Tuition Waiver deadlines:
Continuing students: May 1
Transfer students: June 15

Exit Interviews:
Pharmacy Students: 2 p.m. April 28,
Pharmacy Annex 104

OTAG checks:
Check with student financial services office to see if the fourth disbursement of OTAG checks are here.



Outstanding student organizations named

By KEISHA GRUBB/ NEWS REPORTER

University Media Association and the Catholic Student Association were awarded the President's trophy, given each year by the Student Government Association to outstanding clubs on campus.

Adam Carr, chief of staff and the Council of Organization Presidents coordinator for the Student Government Association said groups were selected after completing applications.

"We (the executive council of the SGA) felt like the groups who went out of their way within the student body as well as in the community along with non-profit organizations work should receive the trophy," Carr said.

According to Steven McLemore, UMA president, the purpose of UMA is to provide its members with opportunities to learn about communication fields and to help the Southwestern community.

"We didn't take any breaks this year. We were constantly doing something. Our goal was to make a difference. I think we did that," McLemore said.

Dues are \$8 per semester or \$15 for the whole year. Meetings are held on Mondays at 5 p.m. in Campbell 211. Current officers include: Steven McLemore, president; Kay Robinson, vice-president; Patricia Cook, historian; Cheryl Wagner, treasurer; and Kristen Bartel, secretary.

Catholic Student Association president Debbie Kaczynski is thrilled about winning the award.

"We grow a little bigger each year. Winning this award helps to make us known toward the community and campus. We want to help out with as much activities as we can," Kaczynski said.

Dues are \$5 per year to join CSA. This year's officers include: Debbie Kaczynski, president; Melanie Brsan, vice-president; Mary Hagood, secretary; Michelle Maple, corresponding secretary; Shelly Davenport, treasurer; and Tyson Kuhn as historian.



PHOTO PROVIDED

Two Southwestern student organizations received President's Trophies for being named the outstanding student organizations. Accepting for University Media Association was president Steve McLemore, while accepting for the Catholic Student Association was president Debbie Kaczynski. Making the presentations was 1998-99 SGA President Erica Hightower.

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Staff offers help for job-seeking students

By BRITTNEY LITSCH/News Reporter

With graduation quickly approaching, seniors must now answer that nagging question, "What to do now?"

It's almost time to enter the real world of resumes and interviews. However, seniors don't have to prepare alone. There is still time to receive help with almost any aspect of the job search.

All seniors should visit the Burton House at least once. The Burton House, formerly known as the President's House, is the brick building directly south of the library.

"We offer one on one counseling with students to fine tune their finished resumes or help with how to begin writing a resume," said Tamra Misak, assistant director of student development and placement services.

For example, most students will have many of the same job experiences from sales to fast food, or even lab assistants. Misak has compiled a list of job skills to help students write exactly what they did at their particular job.

"I find this part very rewarding," Misak said about when students realize how the skills they have achieved from their former jobs can be applied in their resumes.

"We also offer on-campus interviews during the fall and spring semesters. Over 100 students used this service in the

fall and although calculations for the spring are not in, it is expected to be just as high," Misak said.

Interviews are still happening this week with Enterprise Rental Cars. These interviews, like those offered during the Job Fair in February, are not mock interviews.

Next month, all students can take advantage of what is offered by the Burton House from their own home.

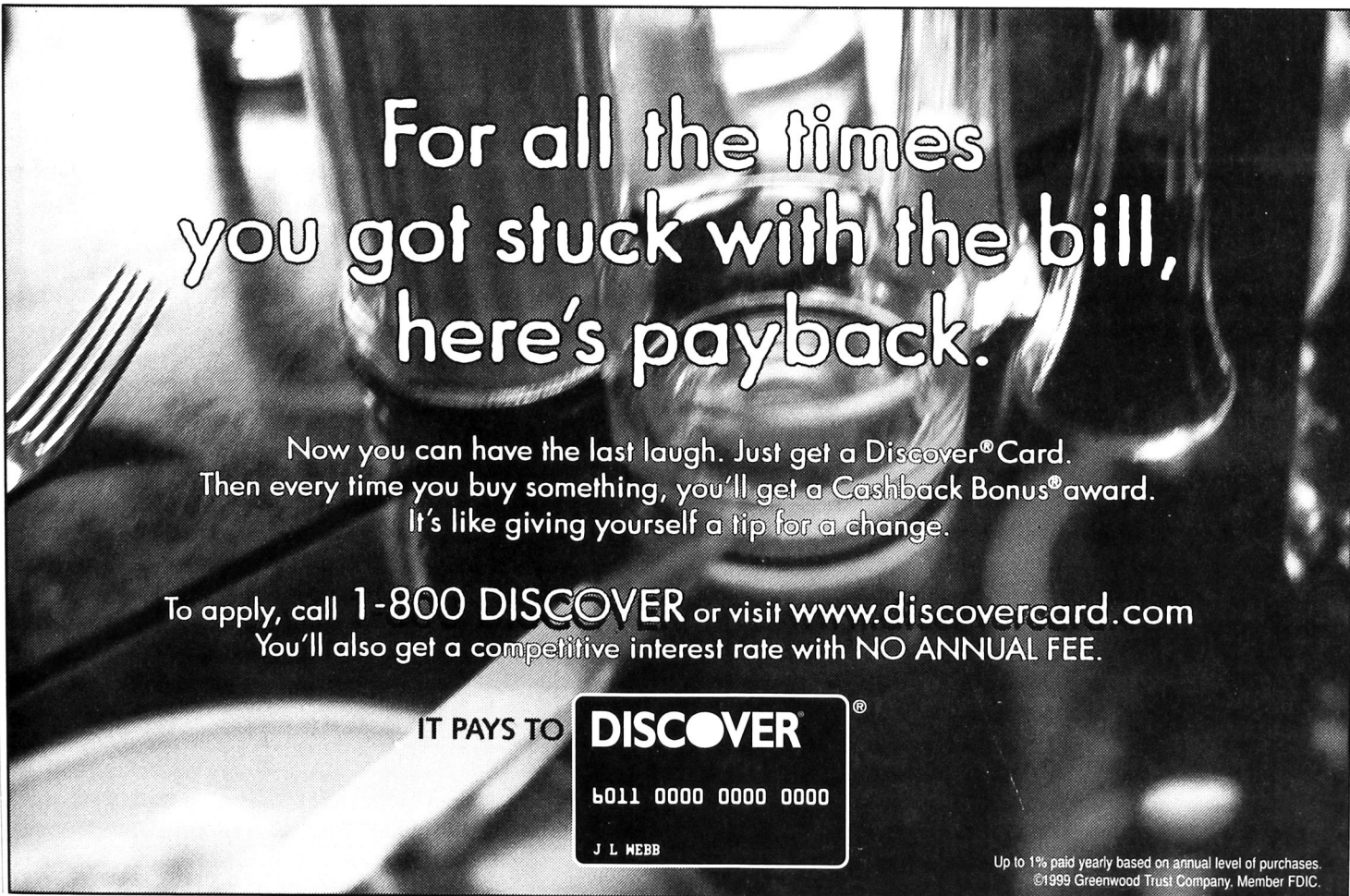
"I'm currently working on a web page that will have several very helpful links. The web page can be found by going to Southwestern's homepage, www.swosu.edu, then clicking on placement," said Misak.

For those without access to a computer, the Burton House does have two computers available for students to come in and use. Also on computer is Oklahoma Career Search, another great way for students to research career opportunities. Students can enter their career choice and find large amounts of information.

"Students can find information on that particular job market or even information on the salaries," said Misak.

Students can not only find out about the salary range here in Oklahoma but for particular counties as well.

The Burton House is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.



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Tuition , Room fees proposed for fall semester

By JENNIFER ROBINSON / NEWS REPORTER

Students may want to start saving money for tuition, an increase will probably show in next fall's tuition and fees bill.

A proposal on tuition and fee rates at Oklahoma public colleges and universities next fall will be the subject of a public hearing scheduled for 8:30 a.m., April 16 at Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Enid. The public hearing is part of a regularly scheduled meeting of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

The tuition increase would be the first since fall 1997 and could generate up to \$14.8 million in new revenue

for financial aid, libraries, technology, equipment, computer network enhancements, distance learning classrooms, faculty and staff technology training, faculty salary increases and new faculty positions.

The tuition proposal is part of the State Regents' long-term plan to have Oklahoma students pay one-third of their college costs. Currently, Oklahoma students pay approximately 26 percent of their college costs and taxpayers pay the remaining 74 percent.

"It will be probably seven percent for us. We have an increase about every two years. In Oklahoma the student pays 25 to 28 percent of tuition. The goal is for students to pay one third of their tuition. A tuition increase would be beneficial. We need the resources," said Executive Vice-President for Administration Dr. John Hays.

David Clark presented the exact numbers for Southwestern's request of the proposal.

Special fees, student activity fees, student facility fees, student health fees and other fees will not increase. Tuition will see an increase, as will room and board.

According to Clark, a student attending a public college for four years between 1997 to 2001 will accumulate bills averaging \$45,840 for tuition, fees, room and board, transportation, books and other expenses.

Students concerned about the proposal are encouraged to contact Student Relations liaison for the State Board of Regents, Saul Magana at (405) 524-9128. Or e-mail comments to <forum@osrhe.edu>.

By PAUL SINGLETON / NEWS REPORTER

Next fall there will be a room and board increase added to student fees. Students with semiprivate rooms will see around a \$30 increase per semester, while students with private rooms will see around a \$50 increase.

Forexample, the cost a seven-meal plan and a semiprivate room for fall 1998 was \$990. For the same room during fall 1999 the cost will be \$1,000, a \$10 difference.

For a 19-meal plan and a semiprivate room last fall, the cost was \$1,170. Next fall it will cost \$1,200, a difference of \$30. With the sudden change, a lot of Southwestern students are uneasy with the talk of increasing room and board fees.

Leonard Braxton, a junior from Del City, is worried about the increase.

"Why couldn't they have just left the fees like they were? That \$30 to \$50 increase might not sound like a lot of money to them, but to a student barely making it now, that's a lot of money," Braxton said.

The average college student from 1997-2001 will spend \$45,840 for tuition, fees, room and board, transportation, books and other expenses.



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Grassroots club celebrates Earth Day

To celebrate progress and to raise environmental awareness, the Southwesterns Grassroots Environmental club is holding an Earth Day celebration today in the Student Union Ballroom from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., featuring DJ Tai, free of charge. There will be dancing and other activities.

Earth Day is the brainchild of Sen. Gaylord Nelson. Fed up with the lack of concern Americans had for our environment, he wanted to find an avenue that would foster awareness and show how easy protecting our environment is.

Nelson announced a plan in 1969, in Seattle and it was broad enough for almost anyone to participate in. He decided to hold a national environmental teach-in to teach Americans about the Reduce, Reuse and Recycle philosophy.

The idea spread like wildfire and on April 22, 1970, 20 million Americans participated in the first Earth Day bringing environmental responsibility to the forefront of national debate.

The first Earth Day brought environmental progress. The passage of the Clean Air Act cut vehicle emissions by 50

percent, lead released into the air by 98 percent and 860 million pounds of toxic pollutants released into the air over the last five years.

The Clean Water Act has made nearly two thirds of U.S. waters fishable and swimmable, and has cut toxic discharges by 2.2 million pounds per day. Superfund laws require polluters to pay for abandoned toxic waste clean up, and have severely reduced illegal toxic waste dumping.

Fact:

It takes 17 trees to make a ton of newsprint. The Kansas City Star uses 3,000 trees for its Sunday edition and the New York Times uses 75,000 trees every Sunday.

Information provided by Southwestern Grassroots Environmental club

Southwestern says good-bye to ten faculty

During the 1998-1999 school year 10 faculty members will retire. Two faculty members retired in December while the remaining eight will retire this spring.

Dr. Allen Badgett, associate professor in the biological sciences department, retired in December. Dr. Badgett began his career at Southwestern in 1973. Dr. Badgett has taught numerous courses including genetics and human genetics.

Dr. Don Mitchell, professor and chairman in the technology department, also retired in December. Since his retirement he has continued to coach the rodeo team and is responsible for starting the rodeo team in 1967. His coaching has lead the rodeo team to five national team titles, 33 regional team titles and 24 individual national championships. Mitchell joined Southwestern 22 years ago as an instructor in the Industrial Arts Department.

Ruth Atterbury will retire this year after 12 years at Southwestern. Atterbury joined Southwestern in 1987. She has taught courses in business, English and computer classes at the Sayre campus since 1985.

Ms. Sara Chapman, instructor of history in the social sciences department, is retiring after serving Southwestern since 1964. Chapman received her first teaching position at Southwestern in 1964. The following summer Sara married Charles Chapman and quit her full time faculty position. In 1982 she took up a full time position again. She has taught numerous classes including US History, Western Civilization, US Government and Geography.

Dr. Jerry Nye, chairman and professor in the Language Arts Department, is retiring after being with Southwestern since 1967. He came to Southwestern as the director of freshman English. In 1978, he became the chair of the Language Arts Department where he has remained for 21 years. He has

taught composition, English methods, literature and adolescent literature.

Dr. Jim Kitchens, professor of education, joined Southwestern in 1971. He has served as a department chair in the School of Education and has been the university's coordinator for the Teacher Residency Program since it started in 1982.

Dr. Robert Sam Lackey, assistant professor in the Language Arts Department, came to Southwestern in 1970. He has taught many courses including writing, literature, philosophy and some computer telecourses. Lackey has served as editor of the Chapbook and The Oklahoma English Journal.

Dr. Charles Page, professor of accounting, will also retire. He joined Southwestern in 1970. Page has served as president of the Southern State Society of CPA's and was a founding member and first president of the Western Oklahoma Society of CPA's. He was selected as an Outstanding Educator at Southwestern in 1973.

George E. Atkins, professor and chair in computer science, will also retire this year. He came to Southwestern in 1967. His work includes conducting three information technology summer workshops for K-12 teachers, has had 15 scholarly publications and has received 10 grants totaling \$450,000. He considers his involvement with the Northwest Regional Technology Training Consortium to be his most important educational contribution.

Dr. Jana Lou Scott joined Southwestern's faculty in 1966. She is a professor of Education in the Elementary and Secondary Programs Department. She has served as chair of the Elementary Education Department for 16 years. She served on the Oklahoma Professional Standards Board, and is a lifetime member of the Oklahoma Education Association.

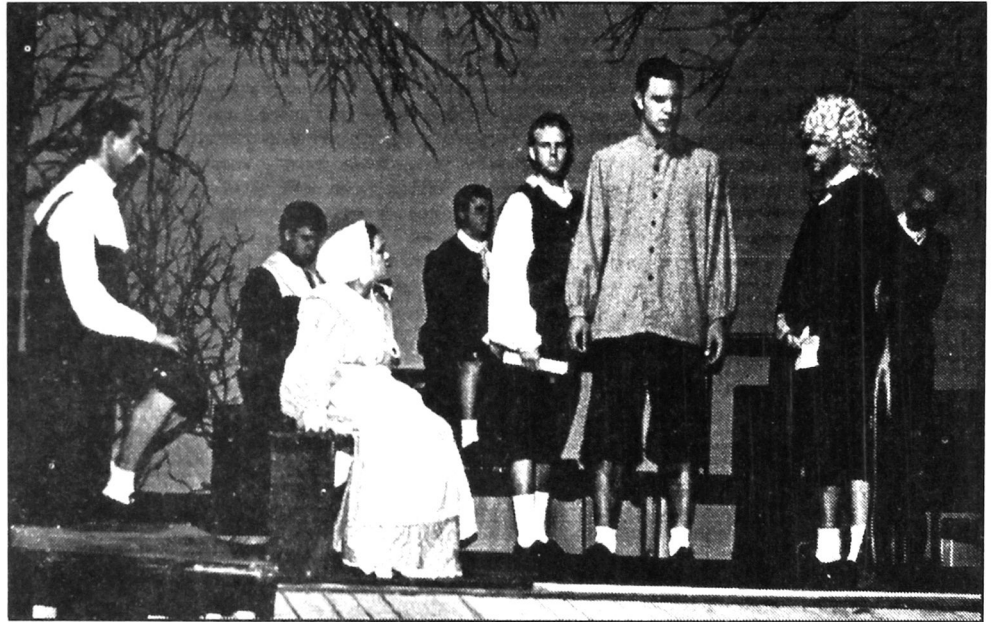


Rhonda Combs' character is believed to be possessed by a demon. Reacting to her are Todd Swink, John Booker, Sasha Blakley, Chantry Banks, Rhonda Combs and Philip Seymore.

Everyone is being affected by witchcraft. Someone is likely to hang for this. Actors involved are Katy Christie, Heather Sprague, John Booker Kyle Davis, Brad Humphreys, Don Whetsell, Jenifer Pechonick, Katy Christie, Hollie Borrow, Natalie Coe and two children were added to this play, Kierston Rodriguez and Katie Pebley.

The Crucible

Written about the 17th century witch trials of Salem, "The Crucible" opens at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Old Science Theatre and runs through Saturday, April 24



A tense court scene takes place in the small town. Villagers include Mark Kerfoot, Chantry Banks, Heather Sprague, John Booker, Kyle Davis, Todd Swink, Don Whetsell and Brad Humphreys.



The witch trials of Salem were a difficult time for everyone who lived there. No one was above questions or suspicion. Portraying this tense moment are Chantry Banks, John Booker, Kyle Davis, Heather Sprague and Don Whetsell.

PHOTOS BY CHERYL WAGNER

ENTERTAINMENT

VIDEO REVIEW



Watch **"Meet Joe Black"** and you will never look at peanut butter the same way again. It's a remake of the classic 1934 film, *"Death Takes a Holiday."* If you're a fan of either Brad Pitt or Anthony Hopkins, you may want to watch it. I have never seen Hopkins give less than a fabulous performance. This film is no exception.

This is the kind of movie you might want to schedule at a time when you really don't have anything else to do. At three hours long, I had to stop and start it several times just to squeeze it into my hectic schedule. The good thing is, it's easy to slide right back into. The movie isn't what I would call action-packed, so it's easy to remember what is happening and why.

The pace is slow, but it does not drag. There is always something going on, but not what the average person would consider exciting. Somehow it's funny.

I realize there may be a bit of confusion over the identity of "Joe Black." Good. You'll be able to relate to many of the characters because of that. Seriously, though, he is Death.

Black is strange, to say the least. He has no idea how to act like a person, which causes a lot of turmoil among the

characters, not to mention some aggravation for the viewer.

Death is coming for Parrish, but that isn't his only reason for being there. He wants to experience life. Therefore, he causes a young man to die so he will have a body to inhabit.

When Parrish's younger daughter, Susan, played by Claire Forlani, meets Black, she thinks he is the charming man she met in a coffee shop earlier that day. Black acts nothing like that man, whose body he stole. I'm not saying that he comes across as mean, just childlike and demanding.

I didn't like Pitt's acting through the first half of the movie, or maybe I just didn't like the script. It does get better, though. This frustrating man disrupts Parrish's life and business, but causes him to think about what's really important to him.

In Death's tour of life, he discovers romance and passion with Susan and doesn't want to give her up.

If you have plenty of time to kill, this movie is a logical choice. It's not bad and it's like getting two movies for the price of one.

-Wendy Lee

MOVIE REVIEW



If you are looking for a fun date movie the romantic-comedy, *"Ten Things I Hate About You"* is the movie for you.

"Ten Things I Hate About You," released April 2, is a hilarious remake of the Shakespearean play *"The Taming of the Shrew,"* set in a

modern day high school.

The movie stars Larisa Oleynik as Bianca, Padua High's most popular girl. All the boys want to date this beautiful sophomore. The one problem is her dad has a house rule: Bianca can date when and only when her sister, Kat (Julia Stiles) dates. Kat is an unpopular, rebellious senior whose sharp wit is only matched by her steadfast determination to alienate any guy who might be slightly interested in this untamable wildflower. In an attempt to gain permission to date and enjoy high school romance Bianca schemes up a plan to find Kat a proper suitor.

In an attempt to win Bianca, Joey Donner (Andrew Keegan) bribes Kat's equivalent Patrick Verona, (Heath Ledger), the school outcast with a mysterious past, to woo Kat into a date with him. Things begin getting twisted and become hilariously entertaining as the plot of this movie unravels.

"Ten Things I Hate About You" is one of the most amazing movies of the year. This movie is unexpectedly funny and

charming. It combines modern day situations with a classic play and the outcome is incredible.

Most of the new movies that take place on high school campus' portray the students as babbling kids with vocabularies too big for their age. This movie used the perfect amount of intelligent talk to impress the listener instead of the gibberish that leaves us wondering "What did he say?"

The actors and actresses did a splendid job portraying high-school misfits and would-be prom queens in a light that was remarkably believable. Stiles did an amazing job capturing the true nature of a young lady set in her ways. It seemed that I was experiencing the pain and agony of finding myself right along with her.

Heath Ledger did just as remarkable a job in his mysterious outcast position. His Australian accent added even more charm to his performance. Laris Oleynik, although adorable, seemed a bit fake. Her sweet and innocent ways were entertaining but almost disgustingly too sweet. Yet, the combination of the cast member made this movie a great film.

No matter if you are taking a girl out for the first time or if this is one of many dates you and the lady have been on, this movie is a guaranteed success. This romantic comedy will leave you both in cheerful moods and inspire your conversation for the remainder of the date. However, this movie also is perfect for a girls night out. It is just an all around spectacular film to be enjoyed.

-Mindi Bond

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'Never Been Kissed'

"Never Been Kissed" is said to be this year's "Wedding Singer," and Drew Barrymore shines. This could explain why this outstanding movie is currently second at the box office.

Barrymore plays a shy, vulnerable, "geek to the core" young woman known as Josie Geller. Josie is a talented copy editor for the Chicago Sun-Times who yearns to become a reporter.

Josie finally gets her wish; but it turns out to be the assignment from hell. Josie must go undercover at a local high school to report on today's teenagers. Let's just say that Josie wasn't the most popular girl in her class and coming back to high school brings back many horrific memories for Josie.

She is 25 years old and is still haunted by the bad memories of high school. This makes it almost impossible for Josie to figure out her story. The largest obstacle for Josie was to squeeze her way into the "popular crowd," but by a great miracle she manages to do so. Josie may even

find her new love while reliving her disturbing adolescence.

This movie does more than just entertain the viewer, it makes a statement about how young boys and girls degrade themselves to become popular. Of course, some do become popular, others just make fools of themselves while the ones who became popular sit back and laugh.

"Never Been Kissed" is a movie about what is on the inside and not on the outside. Granted, there are some that have no taste in clothing and makeup, but it is not an excuse to terrorize those people because of it.

This movie shows how shallow students in high school can be the almost perfect popular crowd, so to speak. "Never Been Kissed" also portrays how one has to have money, looks, athletic ability, or all three to be accepted.

The funny thing about this movie is it shows the popular crowd getting dumped on for once. The "in" crowd receives a taste of their own medicine. They feel what it is like to be humiliated in front of the whole school.

The main point of this movie was to let students know that what you are in high school fades away in time. Some lose their fame and some gain their fame. No matter what social standing one had in high school, it has absolutely no restrictions on that person's success for the future.

-Amanda Razien

Communication Arts Banquet

The Communication Arts Banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, May 8. Please RSVP by 3 p.m., April 30, in Campbell 202. Tickets are \$9.

Church of Christ Student Center

The Church of Christ Student Center is hosting a video class on the Song of Solomon by Tommy Nelson about love, sex, marriage and romance. Classes are held at 7 p.m. each Wednesday night at the Church of Christ fellowship room at 1701 Pine Avenue. Every Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. they have a home cooked meal for only \$2. Everyone is welcome.

Graduation

All students graduating in May need to clear all holds before graduation. The convocation ceremony will be held at 11 a.m., May 15, in Milam Stadium.

Communication Arts T-shirts

Sales will end April 27 and money is due at time of order. You can order in Campbell 211 or from any UMA member. The prices are \$12 for M, L and XL; and \$14 for XXL.



Campus Events April 21-27

Pre-Vet Club

The Pre-Vet Club will tour the Oklahoma City Zoo hospital this Sunday. Anyone who is interested needs to sign up in Dr. Grant's office in Old Science 307.

Sigma Sigma Chi

The final meeting of Sigma Sigma Chi will be held the afternoon of May 1 at Remington Park in honor of "Dad's Day." Members and their dads will eat lunch there.

Rho Chi Pharmaceutical Honor Society

The Beta Epsilon Chapter of Rho Chi Pharmaceutical Honor Society will host an induction of new members banquet in the Student Union ballroom at 7 p.m. tomorrow.

Music department has concerts in April

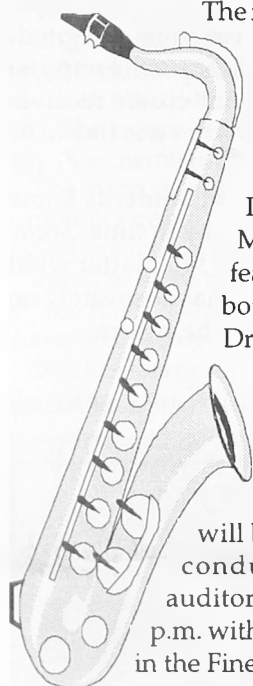
By MATT MCFARLIN/NEWS REPORTER

The music department has scheduled several upcoming events continuing throughout the month of April. These events are free of charge and the public is invited to attend.

Dr. Charles Chapman, professor of music, said that all students are encouraged to attend and that it will be a delightful experience. "All the concerts are less than an hour in length and a great opportunity to hear fine live music and excellent performances," Chapman said.

The Southwestern faculty woodwind quintet and faculty brass quintet performances will also be held tonight.

The faculty woodwind quintet features Paula Price on the flute, Candice Wojciechowsky on the oboe, William Hull on the clarinet, Annette Diamond on the bassoon and Jay Schale on the horn. They will be performing works by Prokofiev, Persichetti and Muczynski. The faculty brass quintet features David Hooten and Dr. James South both playing trumpets, Schale on the horn, Dr. Robert Chambers on the trombone and Wayne Allford on the tuba. The faculty concerts will be held at 7 p.m. tonight, in Music 101.



There will be two concerts on Sunday. The first will start at 3 p.m. This will be a wind ensemble concert and will be conducted by South in the Fine Arts auditorium. The second concert will begin at 4:30 p.m. with Chapman conducting the choral concert in the Fine Arts lobby.

At 8:15 p.m. next Tuesday there is an orchestra concert in the Fine Arts lobby conducted by Chambers. The following day there are two concerts. The first begins at 7 p.m. in the Fine Arts auditorium. It will be a woodwind and brass concert and will be conducted by Hull. The second event will be the women's choir, which will be

conducted by Dr. Debra Spurgeon and will be held at 8:15 p.m. in Music 101.

On April 29 the symphonic/community band concert will be held in the Fine Arts auditorium. The concert will be conducted by South and is at 7 p.m.

Student directed plays open April 29

By ALFONSO VARGAS/NEWS REPORTER

Southwestern's theatre would like to invite everyone to a series of one act plays which will be presented at 7 p.m. April 29-30 and May 1 in the Old Science auditorium. Admission is free. This event consists of three plays each night.

The plays will be directed by John Booker, Donisha Childs, Rhonda Combs, Kyle Davis, Mark Kerfoot, Kelli Prescott, Becky Shelton, Rebecca Smith and Jason Zaragoza. This will count as their final grade for the play directing and production class.

About 50 Southwestern students and some high school students will be involved in the event. Everything is planned and organized by students. The stage lighting and sound classes are going to be responsible for designing the lighting, sound and all the special effects that are involved in these plays, which also will count as their final grade for that class.

This event was possible because of the cooperation of Steve Strickler, teacher of the play directing class, and Darryl Rodriguez, technical director and teacher of the stage lights and sound class.

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Men first, women second at SW rodeo

By LACEY CULLY/NEWS REPORTER

Members of the rodeo team experienced the excitement of winning their "hometown rodeo" last week at the Don Mitchell Arena.

The men's team won the weekend title with 400 points and the women's team placed second with 50 points behind Colby's 80 points.

Even though Northwestern's Stockton Graves was the All-Around, three men swept away the bareback riding, calf roping and bullriding titles. Clark Dees was excited about winning the bareback riding.

"I drew really well and won both the long and short rounds en route to winning the average," Dees said. "Benny (Beutler) brought some good, young horses."

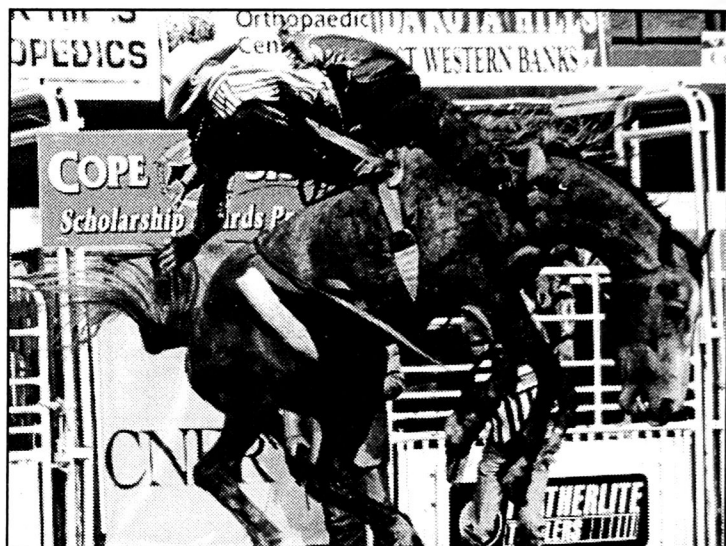
Jeremy Hennigh placed second in the long round, won the short round and the average of the calf roping.

"I drew the best calf in the pen in the long round," Hennigh said. "The short round kind of fell apart, so I knew when I backed in the box that all I had to do was catch and make a solid run."

Shane Drury shared his thoughts on winning the bullriding.

"The bulls were good and it's always nice to win your hometown rodeo," he said.

Other men to shine were Davey Shields, who won third in the average of the bareback riding and Jeff Miller, who placed



Clark Dees continued his domination of bareback riding event at last week's Southwestern rodeo.

fourth in the average of the steer wrestling.

In women's action, Southwestern's Sonya Shields swept away the All-Around title. She split first and second in the goat tying and won fourth in the average of the barrel racing en route to winning the title. Kristy Farris split third and fourth in the long round of the breakaway roping and Mary Ann Barrow won fourth in both the long and short rounds of the barrel racing.

The rodeo was produced by stock contractors, Benny and Rhett Butler. Spectators also watched the kids' "mutton busting" and "the one arm bandit" act, performed by Southwestern student Amanda Payne.

Southwestern is still successful in the regional standings. The men's team is second behind Panhandles' 1,685 points, with 1,581 points. The women's team is winning the region with 1,385 points. Barrow is currently winning the All Around title and Sonya Shields is second.

Dennis Foyil is in fourth place for the men's All-Around title.

This past weekend, the cowboys and cowgirls traveled to Garden City, Kansas. Remaining rodeos are scheduled at Ft. Hays and Western (Altus) to round out the spring season.

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Golf teams own home tournament

Women place second, men place first and second

By BRITTNEY LITSCH/ NEWS REPORTER AND ZAC UNDERWOOD/ SPORTS EDITOR

Under new head coach Jerry Keeling, the women's golf team is once again shooting for the national tournament.

Their confidence was given a boost after a second place finish in the Southwestern Invitational golf tournament. The Lady Bulldogs finished with a total team score of 685.

Southern Nazarene placed first after the two-day event, seven strokes ahead of Southwestern, with a score of 678.

Southwestern's B team finished in fifth place behind Northeastern (688) and North Colorado (692) with a total of 720. West Texas A&M (728) and Panhandle State (1057) round out the field.

Kala Freeman, the lone senior on the team, received individual medalist honors. Freeman finished first with a two-day score of 161 (84-79).

Southern Nazarene's Kirstin Olguin placed second with scores of 81-83-164.

Christina Gage put up scores of 84-85-169 which was enough to edge North Colorado's Tara Moore and Northeastern's Shay Thompson for third place.

Melissa Gindorf led the scoring for the second team and tied for seventh place shooting scores of 86-86-172.

The women's golf team competed in the Lone Star Conference Tournament Monday and Tuesday, but their scores were unavailable at press time.

The two Southwestern men's teams lapped the field on the men's side of the Southwestern Invitational. The Southwestern A team compiled rounds of 304-293-293 for a three-day total of 890 and a four stroke win.

Southwestern's B team put up scores of 305-294-295 for a second place finish and a total of 894. Bethany College (915), Panhandle State (941), Seminole Junior College (971), West Texas A&M (971) and Langston (1173) completed the field of team competitors.

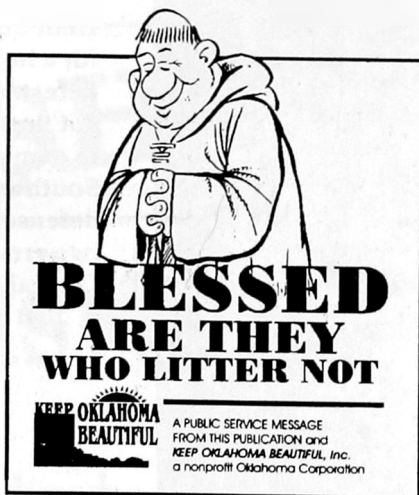
The Southwestern Invitational proved to be the team's first victory of the year and saw seven Bulldogs place individually in the top eight.

Steve Loundsbury capped his home tournament by completing a round of one-under-par 70 final round to earn top individual honors. One stroke back, Greg Jones fell off his one-over-par 72 first round by shooting 73-74 in the second and third rounds.

Jones finished with a tournament score of 219 which was good enough to secure a second place tie with Southwestern B team member Russell Smith.

Smith finished the tournament at six-over-par after a final round 77 killed his chances to place first individually. Smith's first two rounds were a combined even-par after scores of one-under-par 70 and one-over-par 71.

Jeff Wirth shot rounds of 79-73-70 to tie for fourth place. Mark Fairchild tied for sixth with scores of 78-73-72. Chad Lawrence placed seventh, and Adam Red Elk tied for eighth.



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Two teams leave LSC

The Arkansas schools Harding and Ouachita Baptist announced last week their intentions to leave the Lone Star Conference to join the Gulf South Conference.

Travel as well as in-state relations were cited as reasons the schools made the move to what now will be the largest conference in NCAA Division II.

Both teams will compete in the LSC in the 1999-2000 season. Harding is scheduled for Homecoming next fall.



Junior pitcher Jody Huckabay fires a pitch against Southern Nazarene. He pitched a six-hit shutout in a 1-0 win at Williams Field last week. Huckabay started in the first game of Saturday's doubleheader against Central Oklahoma. Southwestern lost the first game 15-11. The offenses combined for 28 hits, and the defenses combined for eight errors in game one. Casie Partridge, a junior from Bonham, Texas, hit a homerun in the defeat. Barry Wichert got the loss pitching in game two. Southwestern's defense committed two errors, and Central had 17 hits in a 20-0 blowout.

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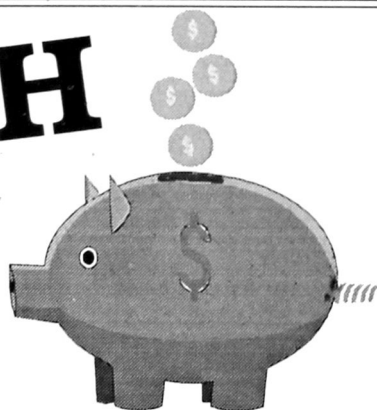
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Barry Wichert (21) first baseman from Weatherford, takes a big swing at a pitch in the Bulldogs' game against Southern Nazarene. Southwestern won the first game 1-0, but lost the second game 11-7.

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By RENEE CARR/ NEWS REPORTER

Last week, the Bulldogs' Jody Huckabay threw a shutout to preserve a 1-0 win in the first game of the doubleheader against Southern Nazarene at Williams Field. Southwestern split the series against the Crimson Storm after a 11-7 loss in the second game.

Huckabay held the Crimson Storm scoreless through seven innings, and gave up only six hits in the game.

The Bulldogs scored in the third inning, and road the pitching to their one-run-win. Southwestern had three hits and committed one error.

In the second game Southern Nazarene scored five runs by the fourth inning. The Bulldogs answered with five runs in the fifth inning.

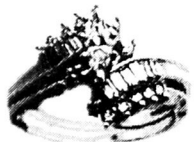
The Crimson Storm ran in six more runs in the sixth inning to only two runs for the Bulldogs as Southern Nazarene stormed out of Williams Field with a 11-7 victory.

The Bulldogs play East Central at Ada Friday, then return to Weatherford to play the Tigers on Saturday. Game time is 1 p.m. and is the last home game of the season.

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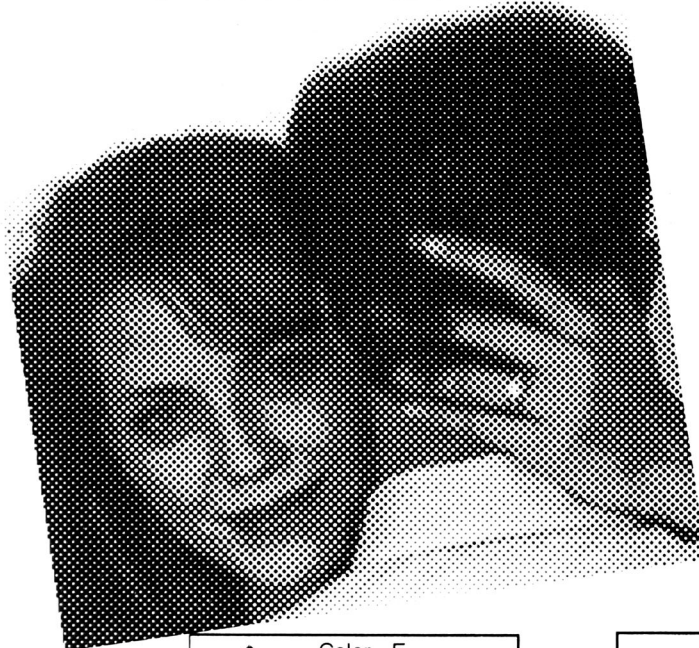
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